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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The old, old tidings of "peace on earth and good will to men" that have rung out through the centuries comes home to the people of this country with beautiful, and we might say practical, significance in this year of our Lord 1896. Favored with abundant crops that have brought good returns, Hawaii is now closing a year of peace and prosperity which has never before been equalled. Although it is urged that full pocket-books and plenty of the necessities of life are barriers against turmoil and discord, we have not of a necessity to study into the whys and wherefores, but rather to join in the full pleasure of the season, giving to the omnipotent power and practical, broad minded men the glory for having guided the nation into the quiet and happy paths of sound moral and political progress. At no time during the year past has the hydra-head of political discord shown itself within our borders, and in our relations with other nations the scepter of harmony has ever ruled over our destinies.

With political lines less sharply drawn, with the best of feeling existing in social and business circles, with no national calamities to mar this year's page of history, with a steadily growing confidence in our national institutions, our people have had time to look about them, to lend a helping and encouraging hand to the less fortunate. The spirit of philanthropy has awakened to new life, and many homes are today happier and better for the timely assistance that has come to them through public and unknown private channels. Though it is possible that the good things, the luxuries and the dainties of life, have not always been equally distributed—that will never be till the millennium dawns—there are very few if any in this land of ours who have not received a portion of the bounty, though it may seem ever so small. At all events there is no reason for listening to the whisperings of jealousy, or bemoaning social ills or discrepancies. It is a season when only the bright spots of the past should be brought to mind, the possibilities of the future forgotten for a time in the good cheer of the present. Let the dead past bury its dead; if this is a necessity of happiness: let the future take care of itself for one day at least; let the world wag as it will; let the people of this land join in making the opening day of the holiday season a bright and merry Christmas.

When Minister Willis was in San Francisco while on his way to his post here in 1893 he was interviewed by press representatives on the subject of immigration which was given particular attention on the Pacific coast at that time. Mr. Willis said: "I began the study of the question relating to Chinese immigration with a prejudice in favor of the Chinese. I thought that the anti-Chinese views were inspired by the sandlot and shared by hoodlums only. I soon became convinced of my error. I saw that I was entirely wrong and I reported the bill to the House of Representatives limiting the number of Chinese which a vessel might bring to this country to fifteen. This bill was vetoed by President Cleveland. I think our immigration laws should be more rigid. We need to exclude many of the immigrants from Europe as well as the Chinese. We do not want people in this country who will not Americanize." Particularly in this last sentence did Minister Willis express a well known Americanism

which is today more deeply impressed upon the citizens of the United States than it was three years ago. In looking forward to the future the employers of labor in this country cannot ponder too seriously upon this sentiment among Americans.

It appears that England, like the United States, is having trouble in keeping up its supply of British seamen. According to Brassey's Naval Annual, the British merchant fleet is manned with a total of 235,000. Only 55,000 of these are of British birth. The rest are Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Germans, Russians, Finns and Orientals. The captains, asked to substitute Britons for all these foreigners, declare that English seamen are not only unreliable and given to drink, but also eternal grumblers. Unlike the Continental nations, England does not seem able to supply a large number of adventurous boys and youths to the marine interests of the country. Englishmen of the middle and upper classes complain that the advantages of a seafaring life do not weigh up against its hardships. The natural inference to draw from this is that the Anglo-Saxon is getting too fastidious for his own good.

Those not versed in the mysteries of theosophy are somewhat puzzled over a discussion that has arisen concerning the claim by an American woman that she is the reincarnation of Madame Blavatsky. Mrs. Besant disputes the claim and recalls the fact that Madame Blavatsky herself declared, before dying, that the body being prepared for her was that of the Indian youth. According to Mrs. Besant nothing could be more absurd than to suppose that an adept would choose the worn-out body of a middle-aged woman for carrying on the work. Evidently Mrs. Besant has not a very high ideal of the abilities of a middle-aged "new woman."

The compliments of the season as expressed by Mrs. W. G. Irwin's splendid gift to various societies of the city, is a substantial remembrance which will find a response of gratitude from every heart in all shades and conditions of society. Many homes will be made brighter through the kind thoughtfulness of Mrs. Irwin whose liberality toward all good work is exceeded by no other lady in the land.

The Sultan of Turkey and General Weyler, whose temporary residence is in Cuba, are about the only individuals now before the public for whom the Yule-tide flames will not burn right merrily. Since they are engaged in making turmoil on earth and war among men the feeling of sympathy toward them will not be of a world-wild character.

MOTHER GOOSE WAS AN AMERICAN.

Mother Goose was a real character, and not an imaginary personage, as some people suppose. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Foster, and she was born in the year 1665 in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. She married Isaac Goose in 1693, and a few years later became a member of the old South Church, Boston. The first edition of her melodies (which were originally sung to her grandchildren) was published in Boston in 1716 by her son-in-law, Thomas Fleet. Mother Goose died in 1757.

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR.

Bishop Creighton, the newly appointed Bishop of London, is a man of mark. In 1884 he became professor of ecclesiastical history in Cambridge. In 1889 he was present at the 250th anniversary celebration of Harvard University, and received from that institution the degree of LL.D. He is the author of several historical works, and is one of the hardest working Bishops on the bench. He will probably be an Archbishop before long, for the diocese of London, says the New York Tribune, is likely to be made an archiepiscopal see; and, aside from that, he will almost certainly be the successor of Dr. Temple in the Primacy.

With 20,395 newspapers and periodicals in America and Canada the people ought not to suffer for information and opinions.

In an article on "Why the Confederacy Failed," contributed to the November Century by the son of a Confederate officer, the first cause is laid to the excessive issue of paper money. He says: "The Government acted upon the theory that all it had to do to raise money was to print it. They did not seem to realize that, being the largest purchaser in the market, it was necessary for the Government to keep down prices as much as possible; that every issue of bills must inevitably raise prices and render a new issue necessary; that every rise in prices must be followed by a new issue, until the bubble must collapse of its own expansion and redundancy."

Col. Waring is allowed \$3,000,000 to keep the streets of New York City clean the coming year, and there isn't a yip of complaint. So much for sweeping that sweeps.

The South Dakota Supreme Court has rendered a decision supporting a law passed by the State Legislature at its last session denying rights to foreign corporations doing business in the State without filing with the Secretary of State a copy of articles of incorporation and appointing resident agents upon whom process can be served.

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